

2. In the section labeled "Brief Description of the Invention," please delete the paragraph on page 10 appearing at the end of the section as shown in the enclosed marked-up copy of the amended specification paragraph.

Remarks:

PRIOR ART REJECTIONS:

I. *Claim 12 is nonobvious with respect to the Bowker/Tamori combination because the Bowker/Tamori combination fails to teach a locking device with a key unit comprising a sensor, a semiconductor memory device, and a processor, wherein the key unit is independently portable with respect to the locking device's control unit and locking mechanism, and wherein the portable key unit wirelessly communicates with the control unit.*

In rejecting claims 12 for obviousness, the Office Action contends that the Bowker/Tamori combination teaches the pertinent limitations of claim 12. As the Tamori reference is silent as to the key unit limitation Applicant respectfully submits that the teachings by Bowker in connection with the embodiment in Figure 12 do not render claim 12 obvious.

The Office Action (see page 8 and page 14) cites column 24, lines 50-66 of Bowker as teaching the portable key unit limitation, which reads as follows (with reference to Figure 12 of Bowker):

One focus of the present document is upon the use of the invention, in, or as, a *personal weapon*; however, the invention is equally applicable to other apparatus, facilities, financial services and information services. The invention is particularly suited to field applications that are extremely demanding in terms of overall microminiaturization and low weight, very short decision time with very high certainty and reliability, and low power. Personal weaponry is an application which is particularly sensitive to several of these criteria, but close behind are *other portable personal devices such as cellular phones and so-called "notebook" computers*.

Use of the invention *to control access to public phones, automatic teller machines, and vehicle-usage access* – even though much less critical in terms of weight and power – all benefit significantly from the amenability of the present invention to miniaturization without compromise of decision time, certainty, or reliability. (emphasis added)

Thus, while Bowker appears to teach that the "analyzer 96", "access control 97", and "utilization means 99" can be *implemented together* in a portable device, Bowker fails to teach

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Figures 30(a)-(e) depict diagrams showing various alternative structures for the lock depicted in Figure 29.